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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL Subsection (b) of 35 USC 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)	Application No.	09/781,703
	Filing Date	February 12, 2001
	First Named Inventor	Hattori et al.
	Group Art Unit	1651
	Examiner Name	I. Marx
	Attorney Docket No	209259

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 CFR 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 CFR 1.53(d) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 18, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000). 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114 a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Previously submitted i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on December 20, 2002 (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.) ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other: b. <input type="checkbox"/> Enclosed i. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) iv. <input type="checkbox"/> Form PTO-1449 v. <input type="checkbox"/> Copies of documents listed in Form PTO-1449 vi. <input type="checkbox"/> Other:		02/24/2003 SSITH1B1 00000066 121216 09781703 01 FC:1801 750.00 CH 02 FC:1252 410.00 CH
2. Miscellaneous a. <input type="checkbox"/> Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required.) b. <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27 c. <input type="checkbox"/> Other:		
3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed. a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are enclosed: i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RCE fee of \$750.00 (large entity) required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) ii. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Two-month extension of time fee of \$410.00 (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Suspension of action fee of \$130.00 (37 CFR 1.17(i)) iv. <input type="checkbox"/> Other:		\$750.00 \$410.00 \$0.00
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED		\$1,160.00
b. <input type="checkbox"/> Check in the amount of \$ enclosed c. <input type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the above fees to Deposit Account No. 12-1216 d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in the above fees or to credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 12-1216		

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SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED		
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Signature	<i>John Kilyk, Jr.</i>	Date
		February 19, 2003

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR 1.10		
I hereby certify that this RCE Transmittal and all accompanying documents are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on February 19, 2003, in an envelope as "EXPRESS MAIL POST OFFICE TO ADDRESSEE" service under 37 CFR 1.10, Mailing Label Number EV065954236US, addressed to: Box RCE, Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.		
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		February 19, 2003